

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 22, 2008

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2574**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Emmerson**

February 22, 2008

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An act to amend Section 4025.5 of the Penal Code, relating to jails.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2574, as amended, Emmerson. Jails: inmate welfare funds.

Existing law, until January 1, 2013, creates a pilot program that authorizes the sheriff of certain counties to spend money from the inmate welfare fund for the purpose of assisting indigent inmates with the reentry process, as specified.

This bill would add Kern County ~~and~~, San Bernardino County, *and Santa Clara County* to those counties. *This bill would specify that the Chief of Correction of Santa Clara County has this same authority regarding inmate welfare fund moneys as the sheriffs of the other specified counties.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 4025.5 of the Penal Code is amended to  
2     read:  
3     4025.5. (a) There is hereby created a pilot program in the  
4     Counties of Alameda, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento,  
5     San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara, *Santa*  
6     *Clara*, and Stanislaus. In each county, the sheriff, *or, in the County*

1 *of Santa Clara, the chief of correction*, may expend money from  
2 the inmate welfare fund to provide indigent inmates, after release  
3 from the county jail or any other adult detention facility under the  
4 jurisdiction of the sheriff, *or, in the County of Santa Clara, the*  
5 *chief of correction*, assistance with the reentry process within 14  
6 days after the inmate's release. The assistance provided may  
7 include, but is not limited to, work placement, counseling,  
8 obtaining proper identification, education, and housing.  
9 (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2013,  
10 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
11 is enacted before January 1, 2013, deletes or extends that date.